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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-70 (canceled).

Claim 71 (previously presented): A wound dressing, ingredient delivery device or IV hold-down comprising:

a handle defining an outer peripheral edge and an inner peripheral edge forming a window through the handle, the handle including a cut extending between and interconnecting the inner and outer peripheral edges;

a polymeric film having a first and second side, at least a portion of said first side of said polymeric film being coated with an adhesive layer;

said handle being adhered to said second side of said polymeric film, the continuity of contact between said handle and the underlying second surface of said polymeric film being interrupted at least in the vicinity of at least a portion of the edge of said handle by a plurality of deformations in the handle forming a plurality of regions wherein the handle is spaced-apart from the film to define a plurality of tunnels.

Claim 72 (currently amended): A wound dressing, ingredient delivery device or IV hold-down comprising:

a handle defining an outer peripheral edge extending around substantially the entire handle;

a polymeric film having a first and second side, at least a portion of said first side of said polymeric film being coated with an adhesive layer;

said handle being adhered to said second side of said polymeric film, the continuity of contact between said handle and the underlying second surface of said polymeric film being interrupted at least in the vicinity of at least a portion of the edge of said handle by a plurality

of discrete openings in the handle defining edges that do not connect to the outer peripheral edge of the handle.

Claim 73 (currently amended): A wound dressing, ingredient delivery device or IV hold-down comprising:

a handle defining a perimeter and a window through the handle, and wherein the handle includes a tab projecting into the window;

a polymeric film adhered to the handle adjacent the perimeter and having a central portion extending across the window; and wherein:

the tab is adhered to the polymeric film substantially less aggressively than the perimeter is adhered to the polymeric film, and wherein the tab overlies the central portion of the polymeric film.

Claim 74 (previously presented): The device of claim 73, including a layer of adhesive disposed between the handle and the polymeric film except at the tab.

Claim 75 (previously presented): A wound dressing, ingredient delivery device or IV hold-down comprising:

a handle;

a polymeric film having first and second sides, wherein at least a portion of the first side of the polymeric film is coated with an adhesive material;

the handle being electrostatically adhered to the second side of the polymeric film without adhesive material, the handle defining an outer peripheral edge, and including an enlarged opening through a central portion of the handle defining an inner edge that is spaced apart from the outer edge, the handle including a first cut through the handle connecting the outer edge of the handle to the inner edge, and a plurality of second cuts through the handle disposed about the enlarged opening, and wherein the second cuts are not connected to either the outer peripheral edge or to the inner edge.

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Claim 76 (previously presented): The device of claim 75, wherein:
the first cut is linear.

Claim 77 (previously presented): The device of claim 76, wherein:
portions of the outer peripheral edge and the inner edge adjacent the first cut are linear
and parallel to one another, and wherein the first cut forms an angle of between about 130°
and 150° relative to the outer peripheral edge.

Claim 78 (previously presented): The device of claim 75, wherein:
the second cuts are linear.

Claim 79 (previously presented): The device of claim 77, wherein:
at least some of the second cuts are linear and generally parallel to the first cut.

Claim 80 (previously presented): The device of claim 75, wherein:
the handle is generally ring-shaped but for the first cut.

Claim 81 (previously presented): The device of claim 75, wherein:
the handle is one-piece.

Claim 82 (previously presented): The device of claim 75, wherein:
the second cuts define opposite ends that are spaced apart from the outer peripheral
edge and the inner edge.

Claim 83 (previously presented): The device of claim 75, wherein:
the second cuts form circular openings.

Claim 84 (previously presented): The device of claim 75, wherein:
the handle includes a tab projecting into the enlarged opening adjacent the first cut.

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Claim 85 (previously presented): The device of claim 84, wherein:
the tab includes opposite edges that are generally parallel to one another.

Claim 86 (previously presented): The device of claim 85, wherein:
the opposite edges are straight.

Claim 87 (previously presented): The device of claim 86, wherein:
the first cut forms a first linear edge, and wherein the first linear edge is colinear with a first one of the opposite edges of the tab.

Claim 88 (previously presented): The device of claim 84, wherein:
the first cut is linear.

Claim 89 (previously presented): The device of claim 75, wherein:
the handle comprises a layer of the non-conductive material and a layer of conductive material.

Claim 90 (currently amended): ~~The device of claim 89, wherein:~~ A wound dressing, ingredient delivery device or IV hold-down comprising:
a handle;
a polymeric film having first and second sides, wherein at least a portion of the first side of the polymeric film is coated with an adhesive material;
the handle being electrostatically adhered to the second side of the polymeric film without adhesive material, the handle defining an outer peripheral edge extending around substantially the entire handle, and including an enlarged opening through a central portion of the handle defining an inner edge that is spaced-apart from the outer edge, the handle including a first cut through the handle connecting the outer edge of the handle to the inner edge, and a plurality of second cuts through the handle disposed about the enlarged opening, and wherein the second cuts are not connected to either the outer peripheral edge or to the inner edge; and

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the handle comprises a layer of the non-conductive material and a layer of conductive metal material

~~the conductive material comprises metal.~~

Claim 91 (previously presented): The device of claim 89, wherein:

the non-conductive material comprises polymer.

Claim 92 (previously presented): The device of claim 89, wherein:

the non-conductive layer is in contact with the polymeric film.

Claim 93 (previously presented): The device of claim 75, wherein:

the handle comprises a one-piece member that extends continuously around the enlarged opening except at the first cut.

Claim 94 (previously presented): The device of claim 75, wherein:

the enlarged opening is centered on the handle.

Claim 95 (previously presented): A wound dressing, ingredient delivery device or IV hold-down comprising:

a handle made of a first material;

a polymeric film having first and second sides, wherein at least a portion of the first side of the polymeric film is coated with an adhesive layer;

the handle being adhered to the second side of the polymeric film, wherein the handle defines an outer perimeter and an exterior edge extending around the outer perimeter, the handle further defining a window through a central portion of the handle and an interior edge extending around the window, the handle including a first cut extending from the interior edge to the exterior edge to define ends that can be separated from one another upon removal of the handle from the polymeric film, wherein:

the handle defines a plurality of second cuts through the handle, each second cut defining first and second opposite ends, the handle defining edge regions along opposite sides of the second cuts, and wherein the first and second opposite ends are spaced apart from the interior edge and from the exterior edge, and wherein the first material of the handle extends around the first and second opposite ends of the second cuts and interconnects the edge regions of the handle.

Claim 96 (previously presented): The device of claim 95, wherein:

the handle is electrostatically adhered to the polymeric film without adhesive.

Claim 97 (previously presented): The device of claim 96, wherein:

the handle comprises a layer of conductive material.

Claim 98 (previously presented): The device of claim 97, wherein:

the handle comprises a layer of non-conductive material.

Claim 99 (previously presented): The device of claim 98, wherein:

the handle comprises two layers of non-conductive material, and wherein the layer of conductive material is disposed between the two layers of non-conductive material.

Claim 100 (previously presented): The device of claim 95, wherein:

the handle includes first and second opposite end portions disposed on opposite sides of the window, and first and second connecting portions extending between the first and second opposite end portions, and wherein the window is disposed between the first and second connecting portions.

Claim 101 (previously presented): The device of claim 100, wherein:

the handle includes a plurality of second cuts in the first and second opposite end portions and in the first and second connecting portions.

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Claim 102 (previously presented): The device of claim 101, wherein:

- a plurality of second cuts in the first end portion are parallel to one another;
- a plurality of second cuts in the second end portion are parallel to one another;
- a plurality of second cuts in the first connecting portion are parallel to one another; and
- a plurality of second cuts in the second connecting portion are parallel to one another.

Claim 103 (previously presented): The device of claim 102, wherein:

- the second cuts are linear.

Claim 104 (previously presented): The device of claim 103, wherein:

- the second cuts in the first and second connecting portions extend at an angle of about 130 degrees to about 150 degrees relative to portions of the exterior edge extending along the first and second connecting portions.

Claim 105 (previously presented): The device of claim 104, wherein:

- the second cuts in the first and second opposite end portions extend at an angle of about 130 degrees to about 150 degrees relative to portions of the exterior edge extending along the first and second opposite end portions.

Claim 106 (previously presented): The device of claim 100, wherein:

- the first and second connecting portions are bounded along opposite sides by portions of the exterior and interior edges.

Claim 107 (previously presented): The device of claim 104, wherein:

- the portions of the exterior and interior edges that bound the opposite sides of the first and second connecting portions are linear and parallel to one another.